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REMARKS

In the specification new paragraph [0031.1] added after paragraph [0031] further discusses the variation of the invention using circular tubes as connecting rods.

In drawing sheet 5/8 figures 6A and 7A have been added, sheet 5/8 originally having Figures 6 and 7 thereon, Figures 6A and 7A further illustrating the variation of the invention wherein circular tubes are used in fabricating the wine barrel in accordance with the invention.

Enclosed is a PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL (MPEP 708.02 IV), the applicant requesting that prosecution of the application be expedited and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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